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## **Gasoline Consumption Declines, Diesel Consumption Up in Second Quarter 2013**

**Sacramento** – California's gasoline consumption declined 0.2 percent, while diesel consumption increased 1.6 percent in the second quarter of 2013, according to fuel tax data released by California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton.

The BOE's gasoline fuel tax report reveals Californians consumed 3.68 billion gallons of gasoline in the second quarter, a 0.2 percent decline from 3.69 billion gallons used in the second quarter of last year. The average price of gasoline was \$4.04 per gallon in California during the second quarter, and nationally the average price of gasoline was \$3.67, according to the [Energy Information Administration](#). The BOE estimates statewide gasoline tax-related revenues for the second quarter of 2013 are \$450 million in sales taxes and \$1.326 billion in excise taxes.

California's diesel fuel consumption increased 1.6 percent in the second quarter to 687 million gallons, compared to 676 million gallons during the second quarter of last year. In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the second quarter was \$4.07 per gallon, and the nationwide average price of diesel fuel was \$3.88. The BOE estimates statewide diesel fuel tax-related revenues for the second quarter of 2013 are \$251 million in sales taxes and \$79 million in excise tax.

An analysis of gasoline consumption by cars and light trucks on California roads shows that California and U.S. gasoline consumption on roads and highways have both generally been trending downward since 2005. Californians consume less gasoline per capita than the national average. For more in-depth information, see the BOE Economic Perspective (February 2013): [www.boe.ca.gov/news/pdf/ep213.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/pdf/ep213.pdf)

For information on California fuel statistics, or reports based on fuel tax receipts paid by distributors in California, visit: [www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm)

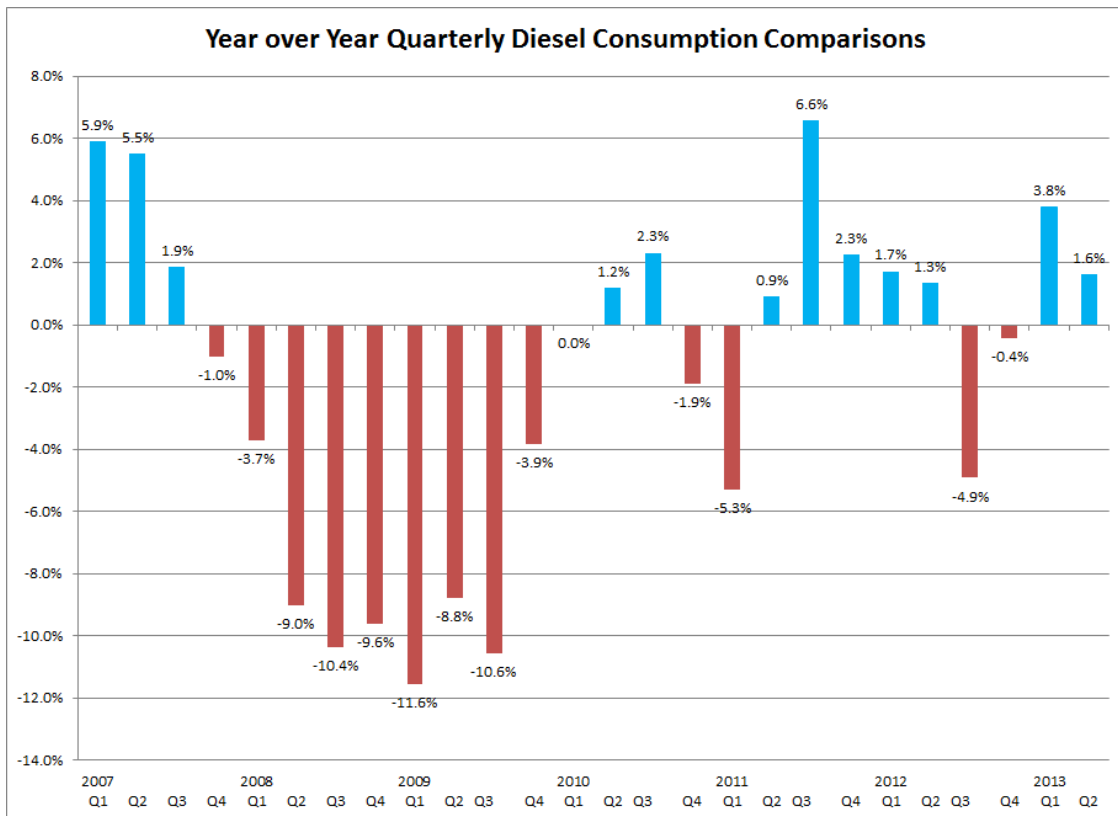
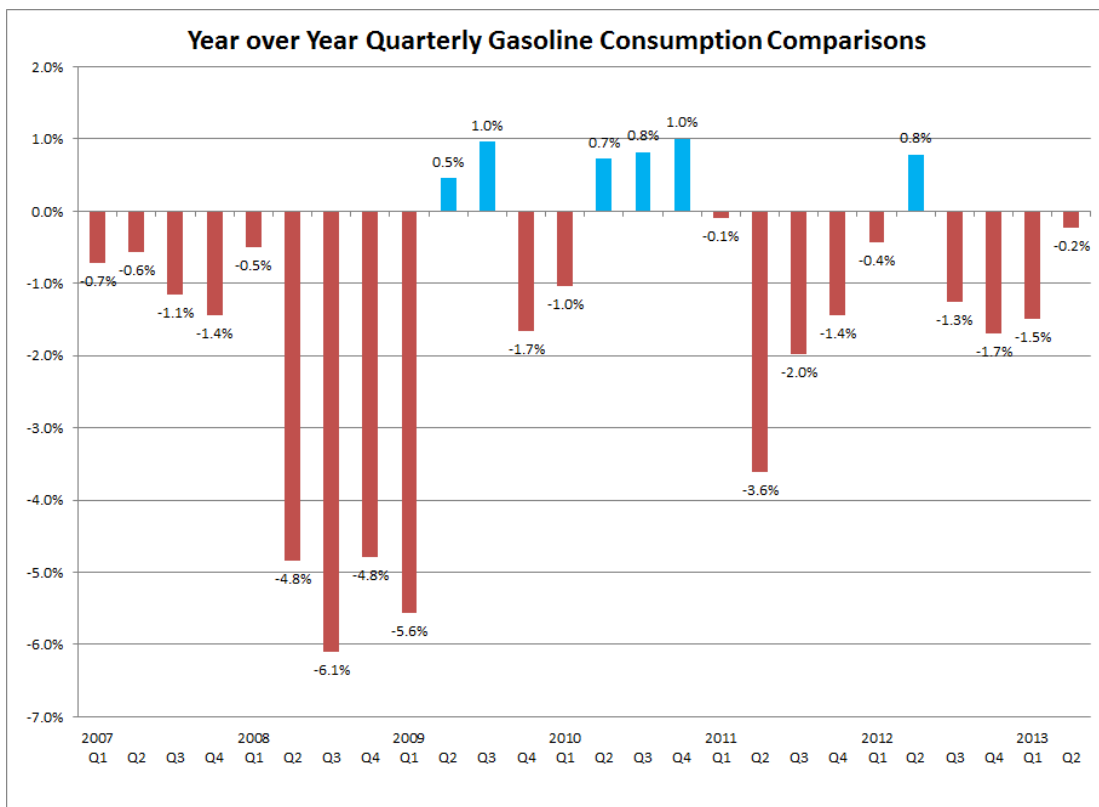
State Taxable Gasoline Gallons Report: [www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/MVF\\_10\\_Year\\_Report.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/MVF_10_Year_Report.pdf)

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***Editor's Note: The charts below compare year-over-year quarterly gasoline and diesel consumption.***

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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